

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Report of the Meeting of the Bureau of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA)

9 November 2017

8:30 – 10:00 (CET)

Palais des Nations, Geneva

Attendance:

Mr. Rik Wouters (The Netherlands), Vice-Chair

Ms. Roberta Marconi (Italy)

Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece)

Mr. Bakytbek Djusupbekov (Kyrgyzstan)

Ms. Tatjana Cenova (The FYR Macedonia)

Ms. Beatriz Corredor (Spain)

Mr. Howard Bushell (United Kingdom)

Observers

Ms. Nuria Raga Sastre (Spain)

UNECE Secretariat

Ms. Amie Figueiredo

Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

1.1 The Vice-chair of the Working Party, Mr. Rik Wouters, opened the meeting and invited the bureau to make any amendments to the previous bureau meeting minutes and then to the agenda. Ms. Corredor referred to items concerning cooperation with the REM, which were then discussed under item 2.9 of the agenda.

Item 2: Programme of work 2018-2019 and including the work of Task Groups and status on actions

Capacity building and international knowledge sharing:

2.1 In 2018, workshops will be held in May/June 2018 in Skopje, TFYR Macedonia on Land consolidation with FAO; and in September/October 2018 in Greece on property markets. For 2019, the secretariat received interest from Norway to host a workshop in May 2019 on key registers for the implementation of the SDGs. There was interest in Canada to host a workshop in the autumn 2019. Rik will now seek confirmation for the event.

Land administration reviews:

2.2 The research mission for the land administration review for Belarus will be in early 2018, if any members would like to take part in the Review please let the

secretariat know as soon as possible. The pre-mission to Belarus will be early December 2017 and where the dates for the research mission in 2018 will be defined. **Bulgaria:** Still awaiting funding for the Belarus country profile and in discussions with Bulgaria regarding funding for their country profile.

2.3 Review by the bureau of the LA review guidance document. **Deadline 30 November 2017 for comments.**

Studies:

2.4 Benchmarking of LA systems: WG plan prepared and distributed to the members and the chair and secretariat. Ms. Elena Busch is in contact with the University College in Bergen and will take contact with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in order to prepare a study outline and compose a questionnaire. Both documents in drafts will be consulted with the WG members and presented to the Bureau in February 2018.

2.5 Fraud in LA systems: The TG has met and there is an updated workplan. Work will be carried out during 2018. The main topics for the research need to be decided upon. Important to target the term fraud. Is it internal or external the organisation, is it hacking, is it fraud in real estate market itself, etc? It was suggested that when the survey is sent to countries and stakeholders that is should be also sent to ELRA for their input and to assist in the dissemination.

2.6 Informal settlements: The TG has met with the consultant that will be assisting in drafting the guidelines and are working on tailoring the table of Contents. Ms. Chryssy Potsiou, TG leader gave a presentation on the TGs at the CHLM Session. There has been interest from UN-Habitat-GLTN, FAO, OHCHR and independent experts to be part of the review committee. REM will be involved as well.

2.7 Land consolidation: Mr. Rik Wouters have an update on the work and discussed that there would be a workshop held in Skopje in May/June 2018 in collaboration with FAO Landnet, and University of Munich are partners in the study, the work should be completed by end of summer 2018. In December 2017, the kick off meeting will take place in Amsterdam.

2.8 Scenarios for future land administration and management: the TG is looking on setting up a methodology for scenario study. For further research two or three scenarios with limited probability and with high impact will be selected. Discussions will continue throughout 2018.

Other task groups:

2.9 Outreach and Promotion: The activities for this task group need to be discussed at the following meeting. If there are, any other bureau members that are interested in participating in this group please contact Mr. Howard Bushell, the task group leader. The WPLA LinkedIn page needs to be updated with relevant information. Content should be discussed at the next meeting.

2.10 WPLA/REM cooperation: There were discussions on the potential collaboration between the two groups. Several activities were identified as per the programme of work of the WPLA: Support with the benchmarking studies, inputs to the update of the Policy Framework (to be updated in 2018) and participation in the workshop in Greece in 2018 on property markets. There was

a proposal for a roundtable in early spring 2018 in Madrid to discuss collaboration between the REM and the CHLM and WPLA based on the new proposal prepared by Ms. Beatriz Corredor. This proposal will be discussed with the CHLM. Three members of the WPLA attended the REM meeting on 8 November 2017.

Item 3: 78th CHLM Session WPLA, 8-9 November 2017

3.1 The Land administration and management session was held on Wednesday, 8 November 2017, 16:30-17:00 in Room XVIII.

3.2 The activities of the WPLA and the Programme of Work 2018-2019 were presented by Mr. Rik Wouters; Update on the development of the technical guidelines for informal settlements was given by Ms. Chryssy Potsiou and update on the activities on Land Consolidation by Mr. Rik Wouters. The Committee approved the Programme of work for 2018-2019.

3.3 Mr. Rik Wouters, Ms. Roberta Marconi and Ms. Beatriz Corredor attended the REM meeting on 8 November from 8:30-10am.

3.4 Ms. Chryssy Potsiou was a panelist at the Roundtable on Promoting Sustainable Real Estate Markets in the UNECE Region - Lunch seminar, 8 November 2017, from 13:00 to 15:00.

3.5 During the CHLM session there was a discussion regarding the changing of the name of the Committee. The CHLM has asked for proposals for the new name and it will be reviewed at the next CHLM session in October 2018.

Item 4: Upcoming events and WPLA participation

4.1 PCC meeting, 13-15 November 2017, Estonia – Julius Ernst and Rik Wouters attending

4.2 WB Land and Poverty Conference, 19-23 March 2018, Washington DC. Ms. Elena Busch will make a presentation on the 10-year cooperation in Moldova. Several other bureau members will attend as well.

4.3 FIG Congress, 6-11 May 2018, Istanbul. Kartverket and Lantmateriet will have a joint booth “Nordic Network on International Services” at the FIG Congress. And will present the paper “Ten Years of Norwegian Assistance to the Land Sector in Moldova: Assessment of the Results Supporting Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. Rik Wouters will attend to promote the FIG2020 conference.

4.4 Eleventh Regional Conference on cadaster, June 2018 in Bulgaria Ms. Tanja Genova explained the background: Regional conference where some 10 Balkan countries meet once a year to exchange experiences on land administration, registers, NSDI, etc.

4.5 The [First Arab Land Conference](#) will be held in Dubai; 26-28 February 2018 hosted by the Dubai Land Department and is hosted by the Government of the United Arab Emirates in partnership with the World Bank, the Global Land Tool Network, UN-Habitat, the Arab League and the Arab Union of Surveyors. **There is a [call for abstracts](#) with a deadline of 30 November 2017. Please advise if there is interest for the WPLA to participate by 26 November 2017.**

Item 5: Other Business

5.1 WPLA/UNGGIM cooperation: At Global level, we collaborated in the pilot on Tenure Atlas of the world. The pilot was successfully carried out. For the time being there are no further initiative to implement a follow up activity. At European level, the interest is present, but there are no concrete activities at the moment.

Item 6: Next Bureau meeting

6.1 The Vice-chair closed the meeting and reminded the bureau that the next bureau meeting will take either the third or fourth week of January 2018 and will be decided by the bureau through an online poll.